ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Vernon Church, DeKalb Co., Ala.,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 12th, 1893.

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Officers of the Association:

Eld. J. B. APPLETON, Moderator, Collinsville, Ala.
C. C. DAVIS, Clerk, Collinsville, Ala.

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Next Meeting to be held with Tenn. Valley Church, on Tuesday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1894. Postoffice, Meltonsville, Marshall County, Alabama.

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COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT THE NEXT MEETING.

On Education—C. Y. Culberson, Valley Head, Ala ; A. T. Killian, Fort Payne, Ala.

On Literature—J. L. Pace, Lydia, Ala.; J. G. Denton, Luna, Ala.

On Temperance—W. H. Lackey, Stella, Ala.; N. S. Collins, Collinsville, Ala.

On Foreign Missions—A. J. Noblett, Wills, Ala.; B. D. Ward.

On State Missions—J. T. Chadwick, Martling, Ala.; Wm. Croley.

On Home Missions—E. M. Waller, Sand Mountain, Ala.; C. C. Clayton.

Sabbath Schools——G. C. Moore, M. C. Dean, Mahan, Ala.

On Deceased Ministers—E. Crawford, Luttrell, Ala.; P. C. Chitwood, Thirty-Nine, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from the churches.
2. Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for correspondence.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Fix the time and place for holding next meeting.
9. Report of committees.
10. Report of special committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Read and correct the minutes.
13. Read and correct roll of members.
14. Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes

Standing Resolution.—That any member of this body presenting a copy of these Minutes to any Association with which we correspond will be considered a messenger by us.

. . PROCEEDINGS. . .

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THE CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Mt. Vernon church, DeKalb county, Alabama, September 12th, 1893.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. R. Ramsey. Text, First Timothy, 3rd chapter and 15th verse. Prayer, J. H. Glazener.

At 1:30 p. m. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Read the 103rd Psalm and prayer by the Moderator.

Appointed Brethren J. A. Glen and S. H. Glazener to read letters from the churches.

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES.

Antioch—E Crawford; Bulah—J H Pertree, E B Brown; Black Creek—G J Gray, W H Logan, J T Styles; Bethesda—W J Dearman, L A Hudson; Bivron—B S Mitchell; Corinth—G R Story, C F Culpepper; Friendship—A J Noblett, B D Ward; Flat Rock—J G Denton, P C Chitwood, S D Denton; Port Payne—A T Killian; Gravel Hill—D D Hughes, J A Garrett, R A Burt; Idumea—A A M Rink, H M Gray; Liberty Hill—A B, J P and J A Tidmore, Jas Smith,; Kymka—J H Horton; Mt. Pleasant—J B Wilbanks, W R Johnson, W C Gilbert; Mt. Zion, No. 1—C Y Culberson, H D Cordel; Mt. Zion, No. 2—F M White, H M Morris; Mt. Flat—J W Avers; Macedonia—J C Martin, J W Croley; Mt. Vernon—W H Lackey, Lee Glazener, I H Brock, N A Ward; New Hope—E M Waller, D J Dodd, B C Jones, C C Clayton, J M Morris, W L Justis; New Canaan—W N Smith, J R Guest; New Home—W H Stone, A B Jordan; New Harmony—J N Shirley, D M Stott; Pleasant Valley—E J Bobo, D W Hallis; Providence, No. 1—R L Waldrop; Providence, No. 2—J T Chadwick; Pleasant Grove—J B Appleton, N S Collins, J P Reed, C C Davis; Shiloh—J L Pace; Shady Grove—John Drake, J E Barkley, J W Barkley; Tenn Valley—W S Slaton; Unity—M C Dean, J A Young, G C Moore.

On motion set aside the reading of the By Laws and Constitution. Called for petitionary letters and received two new

churches, Bivron and Corinth. Invited visiting ministers and brethren to seats. On motion agreed to not allow the name of Sam D. Monroe to go on the minutes as a delegate. Elected officers for the ensuing year—Elder J. B. Appleton, Moderator; C. C. Davis, Clerk.

On motion suspended the regular order of business to appoint Devotional Committee, as follows: C. C. Clayton, J. P. Reed, J. A. Garrett from the body with the pastor and deacons of this church. Called for correspondents and received Brethren H. A. Sims and Wm. Coplin, from Cedar Bluff Association; and J. H. Glazener, from Etowah Association; J. A. Glen, Cahaba Valley Association, and in the interest of Howard College and Ministerial Education. Set 9 o'clock to-morrow morning to read reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions. Adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow morning. Prayer by Elder J. H. Horton. Preaching at the church at night by Eld. J. H. Glazener.

SECOND DAY—8:30 A. M.

Read 24th Psalm. Prayer by Elder E. Crawford. Appointed Committees on Nomination for this meeting: J. W. Lackey, B. C. Jones, D. D. Hughes, J. B. Wilbanks; on Finance, A B. Tidmore, D. D. Hughes, R. L. Waldrop. Read reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions, and telling speeches were made by Brethren J. A. Glen, J. H. Glazener and J. R. Ramsey.

At 11 o'clock business was suspended to hear the Missionary Sermon preached by Elder A. J. Noblett. Text, Matthews 28th chapter and parts of the 19th and 20th verses.

1:30 p. m.—Read and adopted report on Education after speeches by J. A. Glen, J. G. Denton, A. J. Noblett and W. R. Johnson. Read and adopted report on Literature after speeches from E. M. Waller and J. G. Denton. Adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow morning. Prayer by J. L. Pace. Preaching at the church at night by Elder E. Crawford and at Lovelace by Elder D. J. Dodd.

THIRD DAY—8:30 A. M.

Read the 126th Psalm. Prayer by Elder E. Crawford. Read report of Executive Committee which was discussed by J. R. Ramsey, A. J. Noblett, J. L. Pace and J. G. Denton. On motion it was agreed to elect a Missionary and Colporteur for the ensuing year and Elder S. C. Richard was elected. On a motion taken pledges for the support of the missionary—elected.

PLEDGES FROM THE CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS.

Antioch, $2; Bulah, $3; Black Creek, $4; Bethesda, $2; Friendship, $7; Flat Rock, $3; Fort Payne, $5; Gravel Hill, $5; Idumea, $2; Liberty Hill, $5; Kymka, $2.50; Mt. Pleasant, $5; Mt. Zion, No. 1, $3; Mt. Zion, No. 2, $2; Mt. Flat, $2; Macedonia, $4; Mt. Vernon, —; New Hope, $5; New Canaan, $3; New Home, $5; New Harmony, $2; Providence, No. 1, —; Providence, No. 2, $3; Pleasant Valley, $2; Pleasant Grove, $15; Shiloh, $5; Shady Grove, $4; Tenn Valley, $3; Unity, $5; Corinth, $5; Bivron, $1; J. W. Lackey, $5; Mrs. J. R. Ramsey, $1; Mrs. E. J. Bobo, 50 cents; Mrs. J. W. Lackey, $1; Blake Bartlett, $1; I. H. Brock, $1; J. B. Johnson, 50 cents; L. Glazener, 50 cents; E. B. Casey, 50 cents; J. W. Hunt, 50 cents; John Kitchen, 50 cents; W. H. Lackey, $1; W. B. Fell, 50 cents; Rev. J. R. Ramsey, $1.

Report on Temperance read and adopted after speeches by D. J. Dodd, A. J. Noblett and J. C. Morris. At 11 o'clock the body suspended for preaching. Sermon delivered by Eld. J. A. Glen; text 44th verse of 6th chapter of John. Agreed to divide the public collection equally with the Mission Boards.

1.30 p. m.—Report on Finance received. On motion paid to Elder J. R. Ramsey the money due the State Board for his services.

The Committee on Nomination reported Eld. D. J. Dodd to preach the Introductory Sermon at next meeting and S. C. Richard, alternate; Eld. J. B. Appleton to preach the Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock on the second day; Eld. J. L. Pace, alternate. Learning that there had been no deaths of ministers, prayer was offered by Eld. J. G. Denton. On motion the Moderator was appointed to get up the history of the Association up to the present time and a biography of the deceased ministers of theAssociation. Appointed delegates to State Convention: J. B. Appleton, C. C. Davis, D. J. Dodd. Appointed A. J. Noblett delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and J. B. Appleton alternate. Resolved that the Association tender its thanks to the church and community for their kindness and hospitality while in session. Appointed Executive Committee: Douglas Allen, D. D. Hughes, T. N. Appleton, A. B. Tidmore, C. C. Davis.

Resolved, first. That the Clerk have as many Minutes printed as the money on hand will pay for and as soon as possible and that he be allowed $10 for his services. Resolved, 2nd. That the pastors be requested to read the report on Foreign Mission to their respective churches and congregations on Sunday after receiving the Minutes. Respectfully, E. CRAWFORD.

WHEREAS, The age and cause of Christ demands a better prepared and further advanced ministry, therefore be it resolved that this body ask the Executive Committee to co-operate with the pastors and churches that they make an earnest effort to raise some funds to be known as a ministerial aid fund to be expended for Literature for the brethren of our ministry. A. J, NOBLETT, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J B Appleton, Collinsville; A N Mince, Keener; A A Jolley, Sunset, Texas; J H Horton, J S Horton, Duck Springs; J C Morris, Lovelace; J G Denton, Luna; J B Wilbanks, South Hill; S C Richards, South Hill; A J Noblett, Floy; J L Pace, Guest; W H Lackey, Stella; E P Borroughs, Geraldine; E M Waller, J J Clayton, D J Dodd, L Chambers, Sand Mountain; J T Chadwick, Peters; J R Ramsey, Maple Grove; M C Dean, John Pitts, E C Stone, Mahan; E Crawford, Luttrell.

LICENTIATE MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

T P Morris, Lovelace; P C Chitwood, J J Williams, Thirty-Nine; M V Baily, Grove Oak; W R Johnson, Ten Broeck; J F Smith, Wm Hearn, Sand Mountain; T P Galoway, Whiton; John M Graves, Collinsville; Bryson Fish, Musgrove; P H Carlyle, Callahan; G R Thackerson, R A Thackerson, Mahan; L B Irvin, Henegar; V L Goodwin, Dawson; W J Taylor, Gipson.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received of Finance Committee on State Missions	$ 14 75
Received of Finance Committee on Home Missions	15 75
Received of Finance Committee on Foreign Missions	46 00
Public collections for Missions	10 61
For Minute fund	26 90
Total	$114 01

Paid to the Board for State, Home and Foreign Missions	$87 11
Paid for Printing and distribution of Minutes	16 90
Paid to Clerk	10 00
Total	$114 01

C. C. DAVIS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions offer their report. Less than one thousand years ago the State Mission Board was organized to do work in our own beloved state while it was then in its infancy. It has grown from year to year in its work. While it hasn't as many men under its employment as in former years it is because money has been withheld from the Board by the churches, yet in their report it had under its employ: Missionaries, 50; days of service, 5,443; miles traveled, 24,884; sermons preached, 2,224; addresses, 516; churches constituted, 12; Baptised, 198; baptized by others in connection with the work, 248; received by letter, 230; restored, 22; Sabbath schools organized, 50; Sabbath school addresses, 162; number of preaching stations without churches, 79; number of visits to these stations, 303; subscription to the Alabama Baptist, 79; subscriptions to the State Missionary

Quarterly, 61. For other statistical reports see the minutes of the State Convention held at Anniston, Ala., November, 1892. The Board is doing all it can with the meager amount of money placed in its possession to supply the destitute parts. If we would send all monies to the Board, to be distributed for such missions as it thinks best, it would be far better. We have to regret in our own Association that there has not been any work done by us as an Association; yet there has been a few of our preachers who left their homes, wives and children and went into the destitute parts preaching and organizing churches without money and without price. We are fearful when we go before the flaming bar of God we cannot say that we have carried out our Captain's marching orders. As has been said God permits the foreigner into our own state and they will be a blessing to us if we look after their salvation—neglected it will be a curse. We most earnestly recommend that the Association at its present sitting make some arrangements to have the destitute parts supplied in our own border. We have two churches that have no pastors this year—Fort Payne and Valley Head—besides other places out in the rural districts. This ought not so to be. We further recommend that each church be asked for its pro rata to defray the expenses and that pastors of churches take monthly collections to raise the money. The motto is: "More collections for missions to pay for work done in destitute districts." We do further recommend that our members subscribe to the Alabama Baptist and State Mission Quarterly, that by so doing they may be better informed on all mission movements.

J. B. WILBANKS, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following: Home Missions are the source or fountain-head of Missions. Our Home Mission has done a great work in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention. They have 368 missionaries in the states and Indian Territory and Cuba, but this number is not sufficient for the territory they are in. There is much territory where we have no missionaries, and the demand for mission work is increasing fast. Much of the future prosperity and true happiness of the Southern states depends on the Home Mission work of to-day. Foreigners are coming here fast, and they bring their religion with them, but not many of them bring the religion that we profess—the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ; and if we don't lift them up to our religion they will drag us down to theirs. This Association paid $168.80 to State, Home and Foreign Missions last year. This is between 8 and 9 per member. Now we can't believe that the cause of this is opposition to missions, but think it was the lack of information of the great need of mission work. Our Baptist people are doing much to inform our people on Home Mission work, but they are insufficient. Nothing but the heaven-ordained means of propagating the truth will avail. The living man fired with holy zeal must go to the brethren and talk with them face to face about their duty to a living Savior and a lost world. This we think the pastors can do. We recommend that this body advise the pastors of this Association to pass the all-important question of mission more and more on their churches.

D. D. HUGHES, Chair'n.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Happiness and success is the result of proper training and discipline. The good father is ever humane, tender and affectionate in

correcting with prudence, chastising with temper and reluctance. The duties we owe and obligations we are under to train up our children as instructed in God's word, exercised in the foregoing manner, tends to fix a law of love and veneration in the young mind that keeps them tender. Such hearts and minds are susceptible of instruction and are inclined to highly appreciate every opportunity of improvement. One of the greatest means of educating, while our children are young, is to have a school at home. This manner of culture gives advantages just at the age when the first principles of knowledge will serve to guide them as they grow in the ways of wisdom. This plan ridgidly practiced in conjunction with sending to school all we can might result in giving many a far better education than they otherwise could obtain, for we feel that all the available means should be embraced to qualify our children for future responsibilities so that they may fill the many prominent positions in church and state with more proficiency than we have done. The advanced age in which we live demands of us to look well and truly to the best culture of the young, for we feel that the two greatest points to which we should look in fitting our children are to do great and good work in this life both for God and their fellow creatures, and when all their work is done on earth that they may be ready for eternal felicity. Brethren, we should thank God that we are blessed with many good teachers, both male and female, that are seeking to carry our literary school to a higher point of perfection, and that many others are preparing to enter the field; and we are glad to believe our people generally are more interested in the cause of education than formerly. We are happy to know that these standard schools are fostered by our denomination and are inviting all who can to enter. Those who cannot enter the classical schools should patronize our home schools for we feel there should be a good school in every community. If frugality and economy, combined with judgment is sufficient to educate these lovely boys and girls with which God has blessed us it is safe to say they will receive the coveted boon. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DENTON.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

We, your Committee on Literature, submit the following: Brethren, first of all we recommend the prayerful reading and meditation of the Bible, the book of books, given to us by inspiration of God, and serves to God's people as a lamp to their feet and a light to their pathway. It reveals to man his creation, his condemnation by reason of the transgression of our federal heads in the garden. It also reveals to man the wonderful love of God, the glorious plan of salvation in the gift of Jesus Christ. This son to die for sinners of every age, nation, kindred and tongue who by repentance and faith in the atoning merits and efficacy of the spilled blood of Christ shall be saved. It teaches us our relationship to God and our obligations and responsibilities to God and our fellow creatures. We recommend the Alabama Baptist, the American Baptist published by B. D. Ray, St. Louis, Mo.: also the Baptist and Reflector, the Foreign Mission Journal, the State Mission Quarterly and our Home Field, all of which will enable us to keep pace with the work of the Southern Baptist convention and better educate us in the various departments of the great Baptist family (the church) at home and in foreign lands. For Sabbath schools we recommend Kind Words published by the Sabbath School Board at Nashville, Tennessee. For good, sound wholesome soul-feeding read-

ing matter, in addition to the above, we would recommend and insist on Baptists to purchase of Bro. J. B. Collier, of Opelika, Ala., through our colporteur. Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Waller, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, do report that intemperance is a crime against God's law, against nature and against the welfare of wives and children, and we believe that no one who has the love of God in his heart will indulge in such a crime; and if any member shall engage in such conduct he should be excluded from the church of Christ; and if any member shall go into a saloon and drink with drunkards he should be disciplined by the church.

J. R. Ramsey.
E J. Bobo.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

At the beginning of the year your committe recommended Bro. J. R. Ramsey as colporteur for the Association. Further than this the committee has no work to report. We have had no funds and hence have been able to do no work. We recommend that a colporteur and missionary be kept in the field. If the means can be provided, means can be had for that purpose. Respectfully submitted,

Douglas Allen, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

Brethren, our marching order is: Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; as the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation, Rom. 1.–16. It is said that without faith its impossible to please God; Heb. 11.–6. So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent; Rom. 1, 14 to 17. The possibilities that lie out before us are appalling. It is ours to designate the truth among the Pagans of the dark continents. When we consider that the Baptists can and do carry on the war with one-fifth of the means and men that are required by others, should we not take courage and push the work. The Southern Baptist Convention has representatives in Asia, China, Africa, Yaruba, Europe, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. China is spoken of as the Gibralter of paganism; its population is more than 400,000,000 with a death rate of 12,500,000 a year; this death rate would sweep off the population of the United States in five years to Christless graves. There is destitution in Africa containing one hundred and thirty million souls almost wholly without a missionary. One hundred and fifty million souls in India and one hundred million souls in other parts that are yet to see a preacher or to hear the first word of gospel truth. Only one hundred years ago the first missionary society was organized in the private parlor of a widow in Kettering, England. It was

a seed sown in good ground which has yielded fruit more than ten thousand fold then there was only one, and it was small and poor. Now we have more than one hundred and fifty organizations for foreign missions, but better still the churches of all denominations numbering thirteen million souls have become our best missionary societies. The two missionaries who in June, 1793, sailed for India proved but the advance of an army that now numbers more than 600 missionaries while 35,000 natives are associated with them in the work. There are 145,000 Baptists in the foreign fields. As a result of effort there remains eight hundred and thirty six millions of heathens yet untaught by the power of God's truth. To the sistershood—Dear sisters: May the spirit of God permeate your whole being and prepare you to sympathize with your sect in heathen lands who are unwelcomed at birth, untaught in childhood, uncherished in widowhood, unprotected in old age, unlamented when dead. Respectfully, A. J. Noblett.

PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, are convinced from a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of a Christian union among all churches of the same faith and order, and, as we are convinced that there are a number of Baptist churches who differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set forth a concise declaration of the faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows, viz:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the Cherokee Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the Glory of God; for effecting all of which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they judge proper: Provided such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of the union as expressed in the preamble, and directed by the word of God.

3. The Association shall be composed of brethren, chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment, together with a statement of the members in their respective churches—of those

baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty, and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer), who shall be chosen by ballot out of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

6. After the reading of the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall then be opened for the admission of other churches into the union If any such shall present themselves by letter or delegates they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice, be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order and call to its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association, and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The Association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any consistent manner. The Association will receive and act upon any question that may be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which they cannot satisfactorily settle among themselves.

12. Each member of the Association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first and each day of the session, and remain until the dismission of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its duty and privilege to hold affectionate correspondence with other Associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This Association shall adjourn at any time and place they determine upon.

15. The churches of this Association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the Associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this Association is a voluntary connection, each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request, setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time, itself, be bound to hear and weigh any reasons that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly, after consistent efforts have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteration shall be made in the Constitution, or in the Declaration of Faith and Practice, hereinafter set forth, except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the Minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association an introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same time to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or, if he be absent, the oldest minister present shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other associations shall be called for, the letters read and messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. These messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall be read, and shall form the order of business for the session. A change may, however, be made in this order on special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subjects, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meetings of the Association shall, on each day of the session be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and the opening of business, after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration of these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE.

ARTICLE I. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the Creator and Preserver of all men of the universe.—I John 5:7; 1 Tim. 2:5; Proverbs 26:4.

ART. II. We believe the Word was made flesh in the person of the man named Christ Jesus, who is God over all and blessed for evermore.—John 1:14; 1 Tim. 2:5; Rom. 9:9.

ART. III. That all Scripture, as contained in the Holy Bible, is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

ART. IV. That the law and the testimony as set forth in the Scriptures is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their spiritual concerns, and in their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8:20.

ART. V. That Adam, the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, and that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12-19.

ART. VI. That by the obedience of Christ alone sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Rom. 5:19-21, 8:29; John 3:16.

ART. VII. That these blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and that not of themselves, not of works lest any man should boast; not by works of righteousness which they have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost. —1 Peter 1:12; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5.

ART. VIII. That God works all things after the counsel of his own will; foreknown unto him are all his works from the beginning; and that of course, all that the Father hath given to Christ shall come to him and he will raise them up at the last day, so that his sheep will hear his voice, and shall never perish: become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when he who is their life shall appear, appear with him in glory.—Eph. 1:2; Acts 15:18; John 6:39, 10:28-29; Col. 3:3-4.

ART. IX. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ, and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14:15; Titus 3:14.

ART. X. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ, without money and price.—Isa. 1:18-55; John 3:16.

ART. XI. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal. —Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:12-13; Mat. 25:30 and to the end.

ART. XII. That God has instituted a church on earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Jesus Christ, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact. —Mat. 18:18; Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:2; Rom. 6:3-4; Colos. 2:12; 2 Cor. 8.5; Acts 1:14, 21:41-47.

ART. XIII. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her Head: and that she has under him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns, of judging of the qualifications of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of choosing her own officers in conformity with the directions of the word of God.—Mat. 14:28; 2 Thes. 2:11; Cor. 14:29-31; Acts 14:23 (see original) Phil. 1:5.

ART. XIV. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—Tim. 1:3.

ART. XV. That scriptural baptism is an ordinance in the gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ in water, upon a profession of faith in Christ—Mat. 18:19; Mark 16:16; John 4:1-2; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 37-8 10:47-8; Rom. 6:3-4; Colo. 2.12.

ART. XVI. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance of the Church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the death of Christ, and to show forth his death until he come the second time.—Mat. 16:28; 27:26; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-25.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	State Missions, cash.	State Missions, voucher.	Home Missions, Cash.	Home Missions, voucher.	Foreign Mis'ns, cash.	Foreign Mis'ns, voucher.	Public collections.	Minutes.	Sunday School Expenses.
Antioch, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 50	$		$ 70	$ 2 00
Bulah, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00			70	
Bethesda, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60			60	
Black Creek, ...	$ 2 25	.....	..	.....				1 00	
Corinth, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....				90	
Bivron, ...	.....	.....	75	.....				65	
Friendship, ...	3 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00			1 25	
Flat Rock, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....				1 15	
Fort Payne, ...	6 15	.....	...	.....				1 00	5 09
Gravel Hill, ..	.....	.....	12 00	.....	2 75			1 00	
Idumea, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....				70	
Liberty Hill, .	3 00	....	....	.....	1 00			1 00	
Kyuka, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....				1 05	1 90
Mt. Pleasant, ...	6 25	3 75	5 00	.....	5 00			1 20	
Mt. Zion, No. 1, ...	6 00	4 00	.....	.....				1 00	
Mt. Zion, No. 2, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....				50	
Mt. Flat, ...	.....	.....	.....	... .				50	
Macedonia, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 60	2 25		1 60	
Mt. Vernon, ...	.....	.....	.....	....	6 60			1 00	
New Hope, ...	.....	15 00	2 00	1 50		15 20		1 50	
New Canaan, ..	.....	.....	....		1 80			95	
New Home, ...	6 85	7 00	.....					70	
New Harmony, ...	.....	2 10	.....	5 00				50	
Pleasant Valley, ...	4 65	.....	.....					45	
Providence, No. 1, ..	.....	.....	.....		2 00			80	
Providence, No. 2, ...	.....	.....	.....					50	
Pleasant Grove.	4 72	.....	.....			23 44		1 10	16 42
Shiloh, ...	.....	.....	.....		1 20			80	
Shady Grove, ...	.....	.....	.....		12 25			65	
Tenn Valley, .	.....	.....	1 00					35	
Unity, .	.....	..	. ....		60			90	
Total,	$42 87	$31 85	$25 75	$6 50	$46 90	$40 89	$10 61	$26 90	$25 32

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STATISTICS OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported.	Increased by baptism.	Increased by letter.	Increased by restoration.	Decreased by letter.	Decrease by exclusion.	Decrease by Deaths.	Present membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday school Pupils.	Preaching Sab.
Antioch	DeKalb	J N Mitchell	T A Capshaw	Luttrell	37				4	9		30	5	43	3
Bulah	"	E Crawford	J H Pertree	Floy	52	3	3	2		1		52			1
Bethesda	Jackson	E Crawford	W N Plaster	Callahan	31						12	38	6	36	3
Black Creek	Etowah	A N Mince	J W Evans	Lay	83	11	3	12	1	5		86			2
Corinth	Jackson	S C Richards	M A Cook	Talley								21			
Byron	DeKalb	J L. Pace	B S Mitchell	Blake								11			
Friendship	"	A J Noblett	N J Parrish	Dawson	77	15				1		95			
Flat Rock	"	J G Denton	T M Corley	Lebanon	49	13		1				63			
Fort Payne	"		A T Killian	Fort Payne	54	12			3			43	10	87	
Gravel Hill	"	J B Appleton	D D Hughes	Lebanon	62				16	1		56			
Idumea	Etowah	A N Mince	M T Gray	Keener	34	5			12			33			
Liberty Hill	DeKalb	J B Appleton	A B Tidmore	Collinsville	103	4			4	12		99			
Kyuka	Etowah	L Chambers	T A Horton	Keener	87	12			12	12		69			
Mt. Pleasant	DeKalb	A J Noblett	Stephen Hall	Gad	87	11		12	13	1		99			
Mt. Zion, No. 1	"	A J Noblett	C Y Culberson	Valley Head	47	5			1	1		58			
Mt. Zion, No. 2	Cherokee	J D Denton	H A Morris	Lovelace	40	5				12	1	43			
Mt. Flat	DeKalb	A N Mince	J V Cash	Rodentown	56	8	1	1	1			53			
Macedonia		L Chambers	W A Johnson	Geraldine	103	5			10			103	8	54	1
Mt. Vernon	"	J L Pace	J V Glazener	Stella	99					6	12	92	6	30	1
New Hope	"	S C Richards	W L Clayton	Sand Mo'ntain	123	11		1	12	6	12	137			3
New Canaan	"	L Chambers	A O Mayfield	Whiton	53	9					1	61			1
New Home	"	R W Rae	M A Williams	Rains	69	5	2	2	6	1		76			1
New Harmony	"	E M Waller	W E Chamley	Whiton	61	3	1	1	1			64			1
Pleasant Valley	Etowah	W H Lackey	E S Brock	Ego	93	3	1	2	1	1	1	123			1
Providence, No. 1	DeKalb	E M Waller	R L Waldrip	Chumley	65	4		1	4		4	63	6	73	1
Providence, No. 2	Marshall	J T Chadwick	G W Gardener	Martling	13	1						16			1
Pleasant Grove	DeKalb	J B Appleton	N S Collins	Collinsville	103	3	2	1	2	4		105	6	66	1
Shiloh	"	E Crawford	W H Teal	Guest,	27	3					1	33			1
Shady Grove	"	W H Lackey	J W Barkley	Collinsville,	66					4		57	4	42	1
Tenn. Valley	Marshall	J T Chadwick	F G Bane	Meltonsville,	15	13	11				1	39	6	42	1
Unity	DeKalb	W. H Summerour		Mahan,	113					10		99			1
Total					1928	145	71	11	110	42	21	2019	57	458	42

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